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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kimikazu FURUKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/046,677

Group Art Unit: 2642

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Examiner: H. Agdeppa

For: COMMUNICATION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SECURITY OF
TELEPHONE SERVICES OF A DATA PROCESSING DEVICE FOR A TELEPHONE
USER

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on June 28, 2001. A Petition for a 1-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to July 28, 2001. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesies extended Applicants' Representative during the July 18, 2001 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated herein.

In the Office Action on page 2, paragraph 1, claims 1, 6, 8-10, 12, 13 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,276,727 to Kim et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,808 to Eaton. The rejection is respectfully traversed. The teachings of Eaton and Kim cannot be combined, and neither Kim nor Eaton teaches to "allow a transmission of the DTMF signal directly to the data processing device" as recited in claim 1.